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MORIARTY THE PATRIOT

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The Man with the Golden Army Act3

DARRYL...
YOU'RE ALIVE...
WHY ARE YOU...

CAPTAIN.
PUT DOWN YOUR GUN.
GET ON WITH IT! THIS WOMAN'S GOING TO DIE!
...!

FOR HOW LONG...?
COULD IT BE... EVEN BEFORE YOU JOINED MY UNIT...?
YOU...
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING FOR THE DUKE...
WELL DONE, CAPTAIN. YOU GUESSED RIGHT.
AS YOU'VE HEARD FROM THE TALK IN THE HALL, THE WAY THIS AFGHAN WAR IS PLAYING OUT SEEMS FAMILIAR,
DOESN'T IT?
.....
A SEESAW GAME FOR CONTROL...
EXACTLY ...!

THE USUAL RULE IS THAT BRITAIN, HAVING SUPERIOR RESOURCES, QUICKLY DECIDES THE SETTLEMENT OF A WAR.
WE MUST NOT LET RUSSIA CONFRONT EUROPE.
IF THE MAJOR POWERS GET EMBROILED IN A GREAT WAR, A GREAT NUMBER OF ENGLISHMEN WILL BE SACRIFICED...
TO DEFEND AGAINST SUCH A WAR, WE KEEP RUSSIA OCCUPIED IN AFGHANISTAN.
AND SO, HIS EXCELLENCY HAS USED THE AUTHORITY VESTED UPON HIM TO MOVE UNITS.
FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE AFGHAN WAR...
NO, FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE..
YOUR UNIT WAS DESTROYED TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THIS.

SHUT UP!
WHAT A TERRIBLE...
!!
SO IT WAS YOU WHO LED IT, DARRYL?
YOU INFORMED THE AFGHAN TROOPS...
WHEN WE WALKED INTO THE TRAP, ONLY YOU ESCAPED!!
DARRYL.
DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
OF COURSE I UNDER-STAND!
THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT ME TO SAY, ISN'T IT?

I DO THE DEVIL'S WORK, I USE PEOPLE'S DEATHS TO ACHEIVE MY OWN ENDS!
I'M "EVIL"!
I'M FULLY AWARE OF WHAT I DO!

FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE, ONE MUST DO IT!
A FEW DEATHS, TO PROTECT COUNTLESS LIVES OF OUR COUNTRYMEN!
HIS EXCELLENCY FULFILS HIS DUTIES WHILE BEARING THIS HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY!

BUT IT'S THE RIGHT THING! AM I WRONG?

HIS EXCELLENCY IS A TRUE PATRIOT!!
THIS MAN...!
HE'S A FANATIC...!
WHAT...?
HIS EXCELLENCY, UNDER THIS BURDEN,
ALREADY HAS ANOTHER STEP TO TAKE.

ALL THE GUESTS AT THIS PARTY
ARE GOING TO DIE.
BOMBS, MADE TO LOOK LIKE THE WORK OF TERRORISTS OPPOSING THE AFGHAN KING, ARE ALREADY PLACED INSIDE THE BUILDING.
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THEM NOW!
THAT'S ...!
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THE NEW KING'S DEATH...IT WILL REIGNITE THIS AFGHAN WAR THAT WAS ABOUT TO END.
AS LONG AS THIS LAND IS BOGGED DOWN IN WAR, THE BRITISH ISLES THEMSELVES CAN BE AT PEACE.

CAPTAIN,
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS A PITY...
YOUR QUICK THINKING AND YOUR STRATEGIC SKILLS,

WON'T YOU JOIN US?

YOU, WHO HAVE ALREADY SEEN THROUGH HIS EXCELLENCY'S PLAN, SHOULD UNDERSTAND...
OUR COUNTRYMEN SHOULDN'T HAVE TO TASTE IT.
SOMEONE WHO SURVIVED THE BATTLEFIELD SHOULD KNOW.

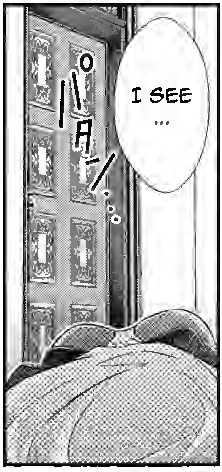
COLONEL YOU MUSTN'T!!
DON'T BE SWAYED BY HIM!!
WHAT IS RIGHTFUL IN THIS WORLD.

HE HAS A POINT...
NO...
AS EXPECTED FROM YOU, CAPTAIN!
SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S ONLY LOGICAL,
IF WE CAN SAVE 30 MILLION OF OUR COUNTRYMEN BY SACRIFYING A FEW SOLDIERS, IT'S WORTH IT.
COLONEL!!
SHOULD I DO THIS?
AH...

SORRY, MONEY-PENNY.
...COLONEL...

FOR A GREAT CAUSE, THERE MUST BE SACRIFICES...!
WITH THIS, YOU'RE ONE OF US!
IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
THAT'S OUR BEAST-KILLER CAPTAIN! NO MERCY!
HA... HAHA-HAHA!
...IS THIS GOOD ENOUGH?

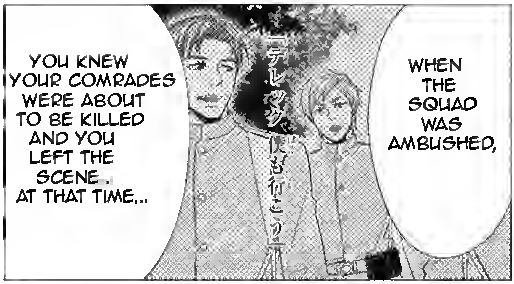
WHEN IS THIS EXPLOSION SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN?
YEAH ...
WELL THEN, LET US LEAVE THIS PLACE. SOON ENOUGH, THE MANSION WILL BE A SEA OF FLAMES

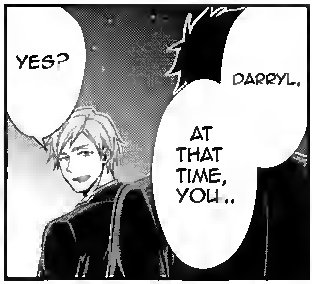

I SEE ...

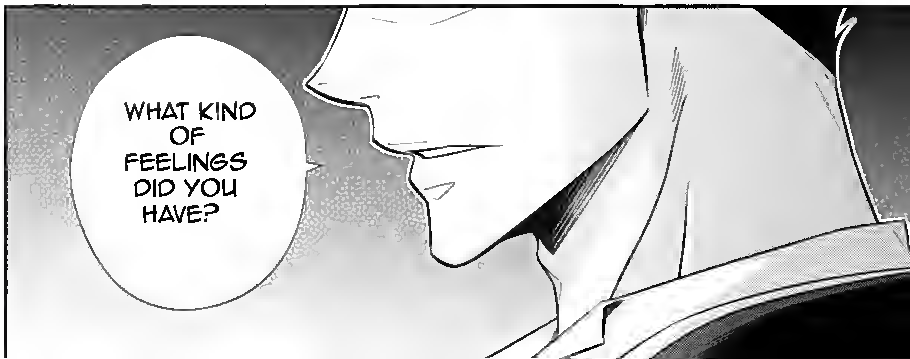
IN LESS THAN 30 MINUTES.

WITH THIS, IT'S THE END OF THE AFGHAN ROYALTY.
IT'S TIME.

OH MY...
ISN'T IT A BEAUTIFUL VIEW?
AND WITH THIS, WE PROTECTED THE BRITISH EMPIRE, AGAIN. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, DON'T YOU FEEL DELIGHT, CAPTAIN?


YOU KNEW YOUR COMRADES WERE ABOUT TO BE KILLED AND YOU LEFT THE SCENE. AT THAT TIME...
WHEN THE SQUAD WAS AMBUSHED,


YES?
DARRYL,
AT THAT TIME, YOU..


WHAT KIND OF FEELINGS DID YOU HAVE?

...I SEE...
THE SAME FEELINGS I HAVE RIGHT NOW.
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
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WH-WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!
YOU WENT SO FAR AS TO KILL YOUR COMRADE TO COME TO US, AND YOU PLAN ON BETRAYING US TOO?
AS I THOUGHT, YOU DESERVE TO DIE.
'FRAID SO...
AND YOU? HOW MANY OF YOUR COMRADES HAVE YOU KILLED?
DERRICK, ZACH, RANDY...
EVERYONE FELL TO CRUEL DEATHS.
TO YOU, IT MIGHT'VE ONLY BEEN A CHESSBOARD BUT. IN REALITY IT WAS A SENSELESS HELL.

FOR YOUR SO-CALLED "JUSTICE".
A GREAT WAR IS COMING, INVOLVING ALL OF EUROPE...
YOU SAY THAT BY KILLING, YOU CAN MAINTAIN PEACE,
BUT WHAT I SAW WAS THE HARD TRUTH OF YOU KILLING HOW MANY THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT BRITISH SOLDIERS.
CAN YOU PROVE THAT WHETHER THE AFGHAN WAR CONTINUES CAN PREDICT A WORLD WAR?
...
THAT'S ...
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

WITH THIS CHARADE, YOU PRETEND TO CARRY OUT GOD'S WILL,
PLAYING WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES AND DEATHS LIKE IT'S A GAME.
YOU DAMNED BASTARDS!

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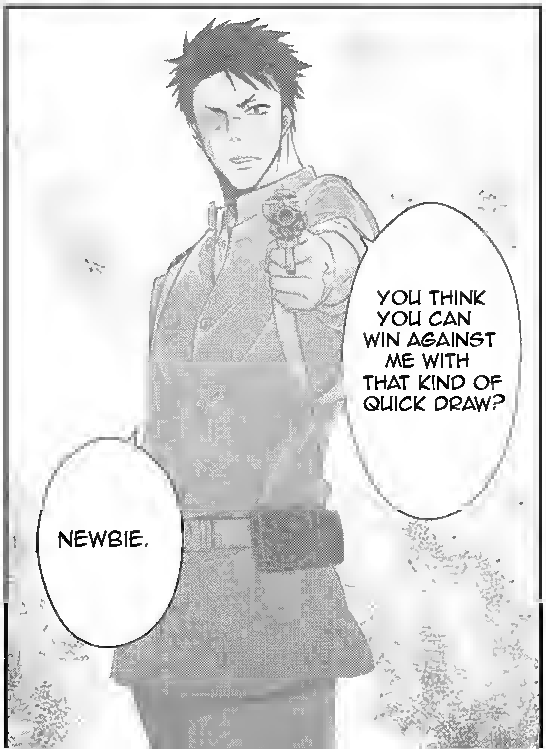
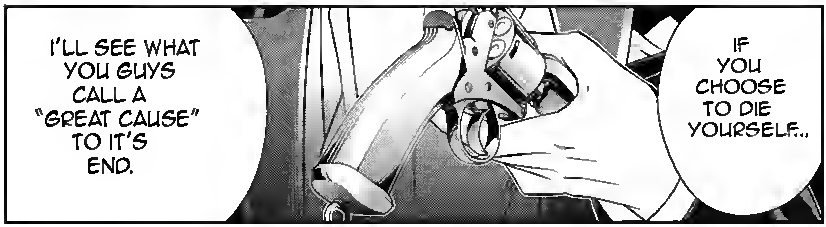
BUT...
EVEN IF YOU'RE A DAMNED BASTARD, YOU *WERE* MY SUBORDINATE


YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN AGAINST ME WITH THAT KIND OF QUICK DRAW?
NEWBIE.

I'LL AT LEAST LET YOU CHOOSE HOW TO DIE.


I'LL SEE WHAT YOU GUYS CALL A "GREAT CAUSE" TO IT'S END.
IF YOU CHOOSE TO DIE YOURSELF..

IF IT MEANS YOUR IDEALS BECOME REALITY, COULD YOU WISH FOR MORE?
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DIE A MEANINGLESS DEATH HERE,

HA...
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.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
FOR A GREAT CAUSE THERE MUST BE SACRIFICES, RIGHT?
A GREAT CAUSE OR YOUR LIFE, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST KNOW WHICH ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT.

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HA HA HA HA !!
YOU IDIOT!!
HA...
HA...
"YOU'LL LET ME CHOOSE"?! WE'RE THE ONES IN CONTROL HERE!
YOUR EXCELLENCY! I DID IT! IT'S OUR VICTORY!!

AS I THOUGHT
FIRST, LET US HIDE OURSELVES AND NEGOCIATE IN SECRET WITH THE GOVERNMENT.
LET US GO. PEOPLE WILL START TO NOTICE THE FIRE.
I KNEW YOU'D SHOOT ME...
!?
DARRYL.

Y-YOU... HOW...!
I HIT YOU RIGHT IN THE...!!
WHY?! WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!
EVERYONE FROM THE SQUAD MUST BE PRETTY FRUSTRATED
TO BE SCREWED OVER BY THIS KIND OF IDIOT.
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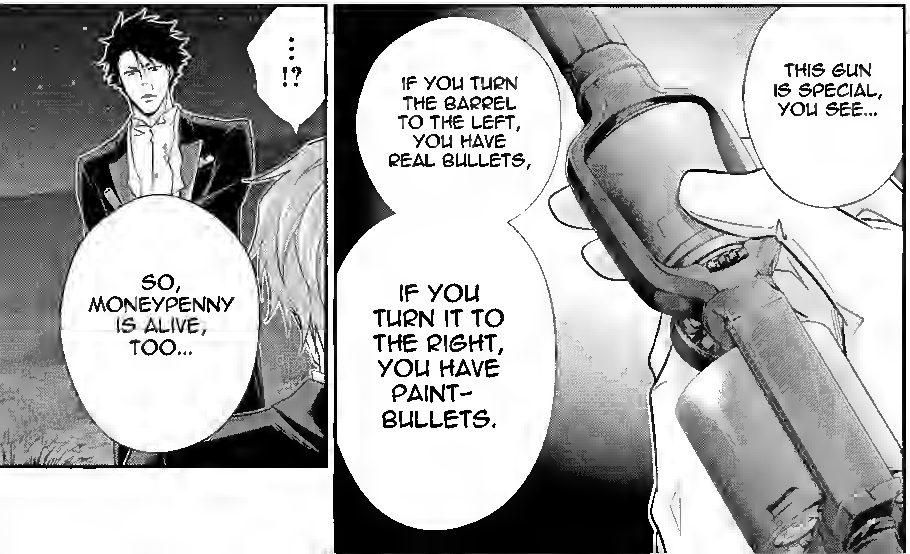
I FORGOT TO SAY...
KUH!


...!?
SO, MONEYPENNY IS ALIVE, TOO...
IF YOU TURN THE BARREL TO THE LEFT, YOU HAVE REAL BULLETS,
IF YOU TURN IT TO THE RIGHT, YOU HAVE PAINT-BULLETS.
THIS GUN IS SPECIAL, YOU SEE...

RIGHT NOW,
SHE SHOULD BE JUST ABOUT DONE EVACUATING EVERYONE
TOO BAD...
...!
GO WAIT FOR ME IN HELL,
DARRYL!!
CA-
CAPTAIN!
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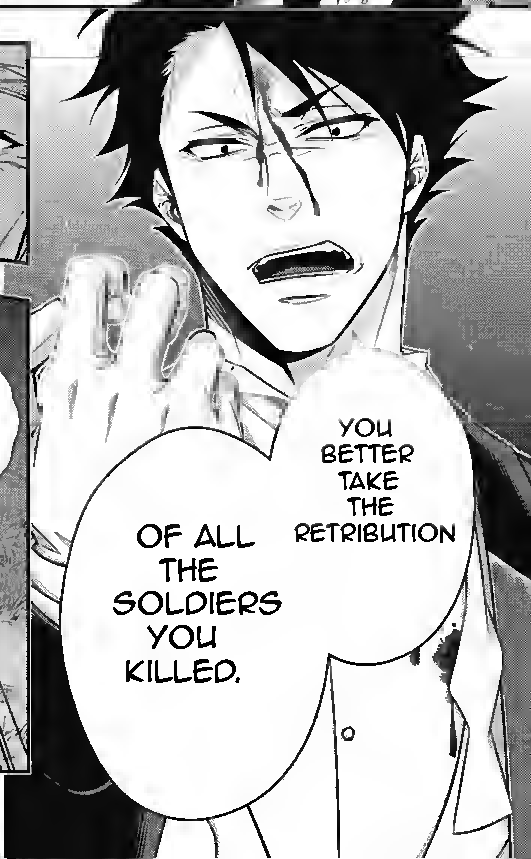
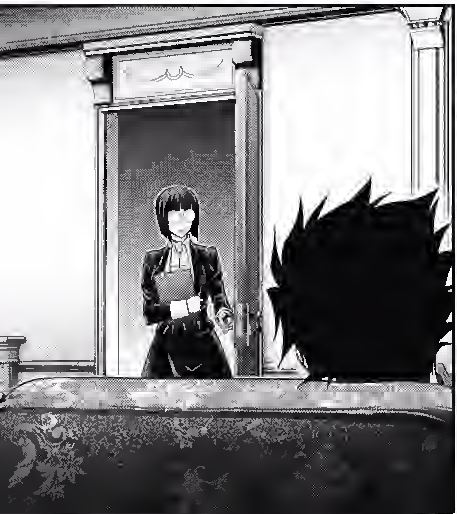
LET'S SEE...
HOW ABOUT WE GET YOU TO BURN IN THAT "GAS" EXPLOSION?

ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME WITH THAT TOO?
UNLIKE THIS K.I.A GUY, I HAVE ORDERS TO MAKE YOUR ASSASSINATION LOOK ACCIDENTAL.

ST-STAY AWAY!
STAY AWAY!!


YOU BETTER TAKE THE RETRIBUTION OF ALL THE SOLDIERS YOU KILLED.

THERE WAS A GAS EXPLOSION AT THE PARTY FOR THE NEW AFGHAN KING, AT THE VICEROY'S HOUSE.
THAT NIGHT,
THE WORLD LEARNED OF THE INCIDENT IN CALCUTTA.
THE ONE WHO UNFORTUNATELY LOST HIS LIFE IN THE FIRE WAS NONE OTHER THAN VICEROY GRAHAM DUNDERDALE
THANKS TO THE QUICK ACTION OF THE "STAFF" IN EVACUATING EVERYONE, THERE WAS ONLY ONE VICTIM.



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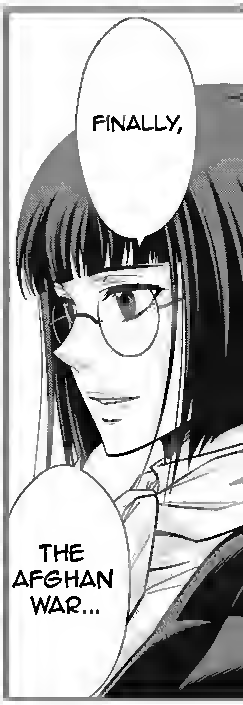
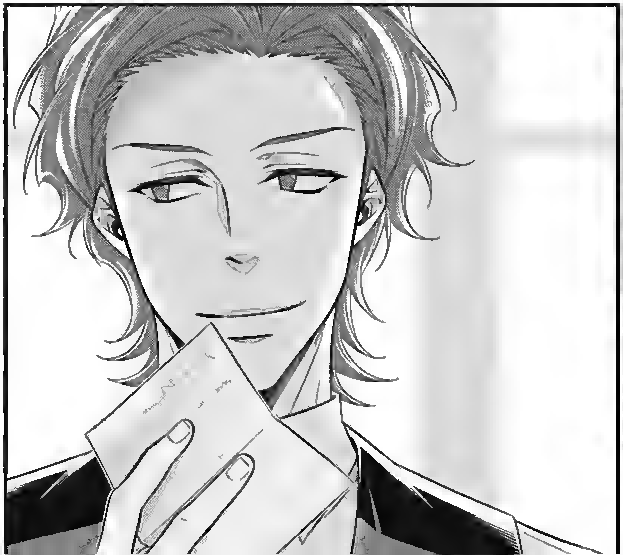
COLONEL,
THERE'S A TELEGRAM FROM WILLIAM AND THE OTHERS.

AND THE COLONEL'S SELF-CONFIDENCE...


FINALLY,
THE AFGHAN WAR...



IT'S FINALLY OVER, ISN'T IT, MORAN?
I SEE...

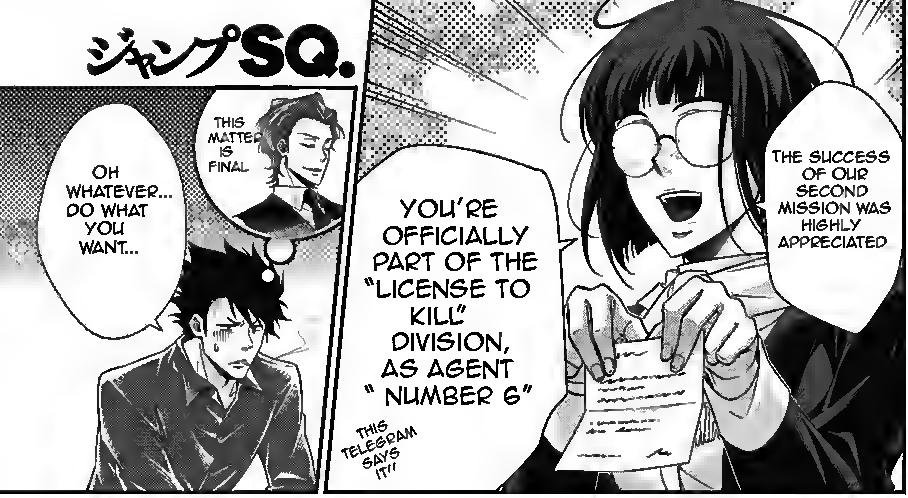
SO, THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE...

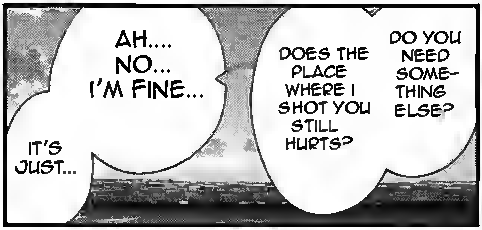
COLONEL,

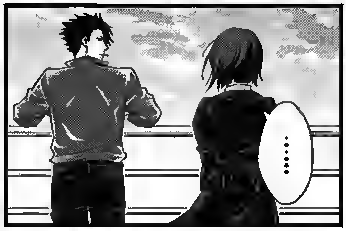
AS SOON AS WE GET TO LONDON, I'D LIKE YOU TO COME WITH ME TO UNIVERSAL EXPORTS SO WE CAN WRITE THE REPORT.

WE'LL BE ARRIVING AT THE HARBOR SOON...
YEAH...

WHY ME TOO? IT'S FINE IF IT'S JUST YOU.
NO, YOU MUST.


THE SUCCESS OF OUR SECOND MISSION WAS HIGHLY APPRECIATED
YOU'RE OFFICIALLY PART OF THE "LICENSE TO KILL" DIVISION, AS AGENT " NUMBER 6"
THIS TELEGRAM SAYS IT!
THIS MATTER IS FINAL
OH WHATEVER... DO WHAT YOU WANT...


DO YOU NEED SOME-THING ELSE?
DOES THE PLACE WHERE I SHOT YOU STILL HURTS?
AH.... NO... I'M FINE...
IT'S JUST...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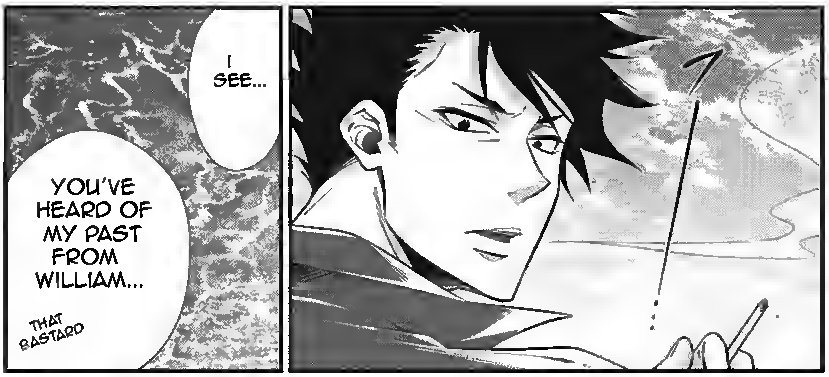
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

I'M GLAD YOU TOOK THE MISSION SERIOUSLY,
AND I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY THANKS.

CONSIDERING YOUR GRUDGE, I FEARED YOU MIGHT LET YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS GET IN THE WAY,
AND IGNORE THE PLAN, AND TAKE REVENGE ON YOUR OWN...


I SEE...
YOU'VE HEARD OF MY PAST FROM WILLIAM...
THAT BASTARD

EVEN I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND..
EH?
YES...
IT SEEMS I WAS WORRYING FOR NOTHING.

THE DAY I SWORE MY LOYALTY TO WILLIAM,
I PUT AWAY MY DESIRE FOR REVENGE.
I OFFERED MY EVERY-THING TO HIM.
...WAS WHAT I THOUGHT
BUT WHEN I WAS ALONE WITH THE DUKE,
I FELT LIKE I WAS FORGETTING MY MISSION.

IMAGES OF MY SQUAD... OF THEM, FILLED MY HEAD.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M A KID, EVEN I WAS SURPRISED
TO KNOW I'M STILL SO SENTIMENTAL.
COLONEL... I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR YOU TO EMBRACE THAT SIDE OF YOURSELF
IS THAT SO? WELL SAY WHATEVER YOU LIKE...
...AND... THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
WHAT IS IT NOW?
IT'S HARD TO SAY, BUT..
I THINK WHAT THE DUKE WAS TRYING TO DO WASN'T COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE...

SO WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DUKE AND LORD WILLIAM?
"TO REALISE THIS IDEAL, WE'LL MAKE USE OF PEOPLE'S DEATHS TO DIRECT REALITY"...
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN
...
...!
WHEN IT COMES TO THAT, YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DUKE AND WILLIAM.
"MAKE USE OF PEOPLE'S DEATHS" ...

THOSE WHO KILL CANNOT HOPE FOR A GOOD DEATH, THEMSELVES,
A DEATH LIKE THE DUKE'S IS SURELY WAITING FOR EACH OF US, SOMEDAY.
BUT WE HAVE OUR RESOLVE.

THE RESOLVE TO REACH OUR GOAL EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SACRIFICE OUR LIVES.

IF WE PUT IT IN CHESS TERMS, THE DUKE AND DARRYL ARE LIKE THE KING.
THEY HAD TO BE THE LAST ONE STANDING.
OF COURSE, TO FIGHT WHILE FOLLOWING THAT RULE LIMITS THEIR STRATEGIES.
TO KEEP FIGHTING WITH NO REGARD FOR OUR LIVES IS BETTER.
THOSE TWO WEREN'T PREPARED TO DIE.
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THEM.
I WON'T ASK WHAT HAPPENED FOR YOU TO SWEAR YOUR LOYALTY TO WILLIAM BUT,
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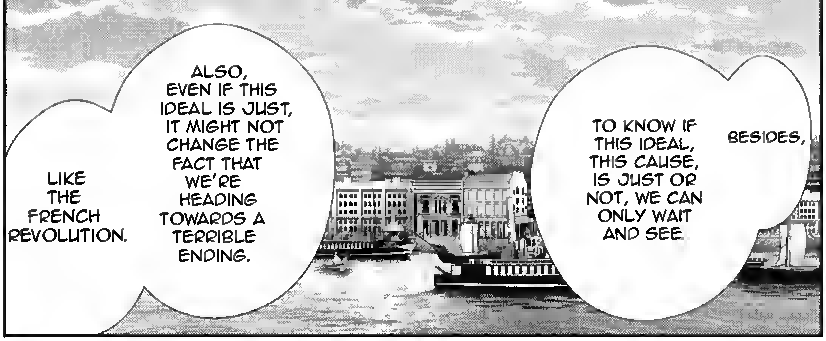
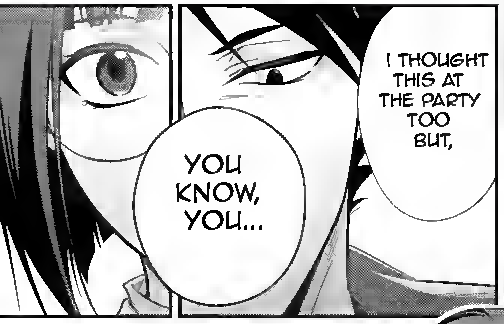
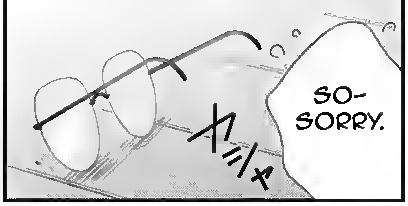
IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU ISN'T IT, MONEY-PENNY?
PREPARED... TO DIE...


BESIDES,
TO KNOW IF THIS IDEAL, THIS CAUSE, IS JUST OR NOT, WE CAN ONLY WAIT AND SEE.
ALSO, EVEN IF THIS IDEAL IS JUST, IT MIGHT NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT WE'RE HEADING TOWARDS A TERRIBLE ENDING.
LIKE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION.

WELL, I'LL KEEP ON COUNTING ON YOU, MONEYPENNY.
YES COLONEL

WE WILL NOW MAKE PORT,
PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GOING ASHORE.
LET'S GO.
YEAH
KYAA!!


I THOUGHT THIS AT THE PARTY TOO BUT,
YOU KNOW, YOU...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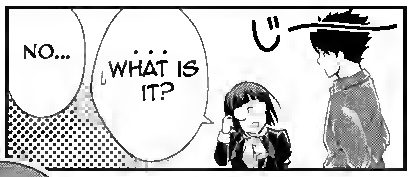
NO...
WHAT IS IT?

!?
HAVE A PRETTY BIG CHEST.

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H-HAVE SOME MANNERS! ...AFTER ALL THIS...
LET'S GO!

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SEE YA, EVERYONE.
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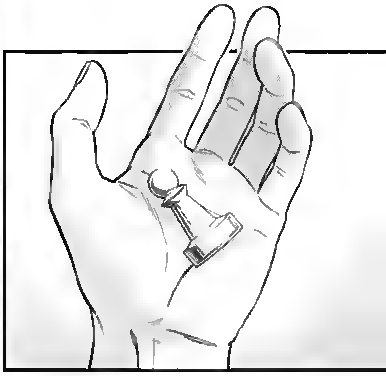
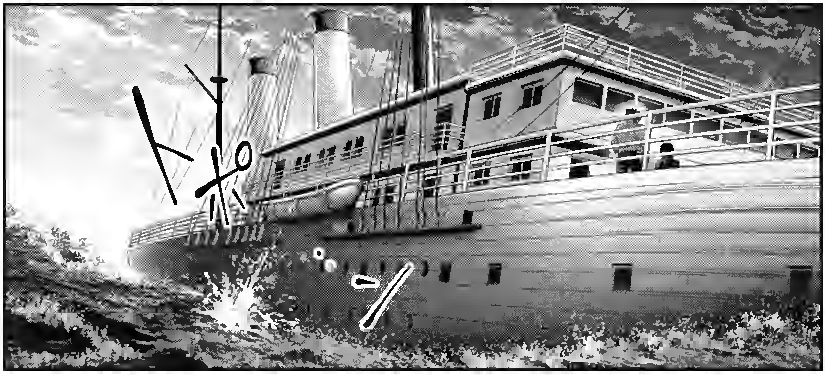
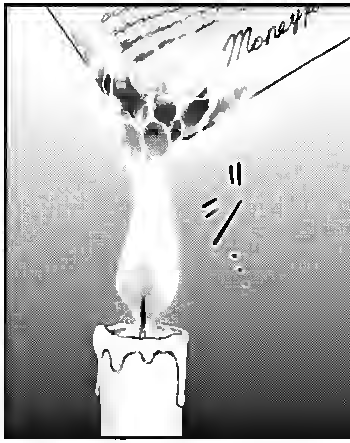




THE OLD CHAINS ENTANGLING HIS HEART ARE FINALLY GONE.



AT LAST, MORAN IS ENTIRELY MINE.
HE WANTS THIS, TOO.
TOGETHER, LET'S GO DEEPER INTO THE DARKNESS
MORAN
WITH HIS DESIRE FOR REVENGE FULFILLED,
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO FALL D**P** WITHOUT LOOKING BACK.